

**To:** Engelman, Alexa[ENGELMAN.ALEXA@EPA.GOV]  
**From:** St. Michel, Graham@DOC  
**Sent:** Mon 1/11/2016 6:56:25 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Hathaway Denial Letter

Hi Alexa,

Apologies if I overlooked updating you on the final outcome of this. After a bit of briefing over the effect of DOGGR's decision to deny the application, Hathaway ended up dismissing the challenge and did not challenge the action in a subsequent action. As far as I know, Hathaway moved on from its proposal to inject into the Santa Margarita at the Kern Front field.

On a related matter, we were facing a similar lawsuit with Hathaway's application to inject into the Santa Margarita at the Fruitvale oil field, but after the Kern Front saga, and DOGGR's reluctance to approve the Fruitvale application for similar reasons, Hathaway proposed to inject into a different formation which did not raise aquifer exemption concerns. I am not entirely sure what the status of that application is (it might still be pending), but the issues are more to do with technical aspects of the project and not aquifer exemption questions.

Hope that helps, and happy new year to you too.

Graham

**From:** Engelman, Alexa [mailto:ENGELMAN.ALEXA@EPA.GOV]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2016 10:49 AM  
**To:** St. Michel, Graham@DOC <Graham.StMichel@conservation.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Hathaway Denial Letter

Graham,

I wanted to follow up (belatedly) to see if this denial from last February was ever challenged or if there was a subsequent modified application from Hathaway for an injection project in the Santa Margarita aquifer formation.

Thanks and happy new year,

Alexa

**From:** St. Michel, Graham@DOC [mailto:[Graham.StMichel@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:Graham.StMichel@conservation.ca.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 9:11 AM  
**To:** Engelman, Alexa <[ENGELMAN.ALEXA@EPA.GOV](mailto:ENGELMAN.ALEXA@EPA.GOV)>  
**Cc:** Quast, Sylvia <[Quast.Sylvia@epa.gov](mailto:Quast.Sylvia@epa.gov)>; Moffatt, Brett <[Moffatt.Brett@epa.gov](mailto:Moffatt.Brett@epa.gov)>; Reeves, Bruce@DOC <[Bruce.Reeves@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:Bruce.Reeves@conservation.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Hathaway Denial Letter

Alexa,

Attached is the letter the Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources sent to Hathaway on Feb. 11, denying Hathaway's injection project application at Kern Front field. Based on this decision letter, we will seek to have Hathaway's writ petition dismissed as moot. We anticipate Hathaway will object or otherwise seek to challenge the Division's decision in this or a subsequent action. Our motion to dismiss is due next week. I will keep you posted. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Graham

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**Date:** February 24, 2015 at 8:11:03 PM PST  
**To:** "Engelman, Alexa" <[ENGELMAN.ALEXA@EPA.GOV](mailto:ENGELMAN.ALEXA@EPA.GOV)>  
**Cc:** "Quast, Sylvia" <[Quast.Sylvia@epa.gov](mailto:Quast.Sylvia@epa.gov)>, "Moffatt, Brett" <[Moffatt.Brett@epa.gov](mailto:Moffatt.Brett@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Call tomorrow

Phone number is in the Outlook invite. Will send Hathaway denial.

Typed by thumb. Fair warning.

On Feb 24, 2015, at 8:07 PM, "Engelman, Alexa" <[ENGELMAN.ALEXA@EPA.GOV](mailto:ENGELMAN.ALEXA@EPA.GOV)> wrote:

Bruce:

We are planning on joining for the call tomorrow at 3pm- is there a call-in number we should use?

Also, would it be possible to get a copy of the Feb 11th filing in the Hathaway matter denying the pending permit application?

Thanks,

Alexa

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